

## AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Replace the last paragraph of page 9 with the following:

The rear extension 23 serves as a rear orientation surface. The tip 24 is capable of being placed against a working surface followed by the base 2 of the laser ~~2~~ 1. By first pivoting the body of the laser 1 about the rear tip 24, the rear extension 23 increases the accuracy of the placement of the laser 1.

Replace the second full paragraph of page 15 with the following:

The actuating button ~~8~~ 11 is located on the gripping surface 42 on the side surface 4. The location of the button ~~8~~ 11 allows for a comfortable actuation by the thumb of a user. For example the button ~~8~~ 11 is located in substantially the center of the surface, between top and intermediate edges 40 and 32, and front and back edges 35 and 38. The size of the button enables comfortable use by a person.

Replace the third fully paragraph of page 16 with the following:

In use, the user maintains the grip of the laser and depresses the button ~~8~~ 11 to activate or deactivate the laser beam. The user is capable of seeing and feeling the taper of surfaces 6 and 7 to determine that fingers are being placed too closely to the laser beam. Accordingly, it is improbable that actuating the laser beam will exposes the gripping fingers or thumb of a user to direct contact with the radioactive laser beam.

1) (presently amended) A laser level adapted to direct a laser path against a working surface, said level comprising:

a base, said base comprising at least one pair of opposing edges, said base capable of being positioned relative to the working surface such that each of said opposing edges is adjacent to the working surface;

said base having a surface adapted to face the working surface, said base surface having a recess therein;

an adhesive layer, said adhesive layer being at least partially situated on within said recess in said base surface so as to removably affix said base surface on the working surface without damaging the working surface; and

an activating switch, said switch being located on said level at a location offset from said laser path.

2) (canceled)

3) (currently amended) The level of claim 2\_1 wherein said level has a front surface and a pair of side surfaces, said laser projecting from said front surface and said switch being positioned on one of said side surfaces.

4) (canceled)

5) (currently amended) The level of claim 4\_3 wherein one of said side surfaces is adapted to be gripped by the fingers of the user and the other of said side surfaces is adapted to be gripped by the thumb of the user, wherein said switch is located such that it can also be engaged by the thumb of the user.

6) (currently amended) The level of claim 4 1 further comprising:

a pair of liquid levels, said liquid levels being substantially perpendicular to each other, said levels being adapted to indicate a planar position of said level on the working surface over a range of three hundred and sixty degrees.

7) (currently amended) The level of claim 6 further comprising an extension surface having a front and rear edge, said rear edge being connected to said base surface, said extension surface extending planar to said base and perpendicular to said front surface.

8) (original) The level of claim 7 comprising an orientation notch, said notch extending from said front edge of said extension surface.

9) (currently amended) The A-laser level of claim 1 further comprising ~~capable of directing a laser path against a working surface, said level comprising:~~  
~~a base, said base comprising at least one pair of opposing edges, and adapted to be positioned adjacent to the working surface such that said opposing edges each engage the working surface,~~

a tack for piercing a surface to provide orientation control to said level, and

~~an activating switch, said switch being situated at a location offset from said laser path during.~~

10) (canceled)

11) (canceled)

12) (canceled)

13) (canceled)

14) (canceled)

15) (canceled)

16) (canceled)

17) (canceled)

18) (canceled)

19) (canceled)